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INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. FRIDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE KISSINGER
PRESSES PEACE DRIVE. NYTIMES INSIDE HAS U.S. INFORMS

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ALLIES OF SUMMIT PLAN, ALSO DAVID JOHNSON LETTER ON SALT.

WASHPOST HAS VIENNA ITEM, KEY MOVE SEEN IN TROOP TALK;
ALSO SALT TREATY CUTS MILITARY EXPENDITURE, PLUS BRIEFS
ON SOVIET BLAST AND QUAKE.

2. SUMMIT. NYTIMES FLORA LEWIS PARIS SAYS KISSINGER
HAS INFORMED LONDON AND BONN FONMINS ABOUT HIS RECENT
TALKS WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS LOOKING TO AN EARLY EAST-WEST
CONFERENCE, ACCORDING TO A HIGH-LEVEL SOURCE. LEWIS SAYS
KISSINGER WROTE CALLAGHAN AND SCHEEL AFTER HIS MEETING WITH
GROMYKO IN GENEVA APRIL 28-29 DISCLOSING HE DISCUSSED A
BIG EAST-WEST CONFERENCE TO WIND UP CSCE WHICH ,S MORE OR
LESS BOGGED DOWN IN GENEVA. LEWIS SAYS MOST WEST
EUROPEAN COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN RESISTING A BIG SUMMIT AND
PRESIDENT NIXON DURING POMPIDOU FUNERAL VISIT SOUGHT
TO MEET ONE EUROPEAN OBJECTION--UNHAPPINESS AT HAVING
A BIG EAST-WEST CONFERENCE BEFORE WESTERN LEADERS GATHER--
BY REVIVING THE IDEA OF A WESTERN MEETING, BUT NOTHING

FURTHER HAS DEVELOPED ON THAT PLAN AS FAR AS IS KNOWN
AND ANY DECISIONS AWAIT INSTALLATION OF NEW GOVERNMENTS.
EEC TOOK A FIRM STAND AGAINST A SUMMIT UNTIL RESULTS
OF CSCE ARE CLEAR, SAYS LEWIS, AND ASSUMPTION AMONG
EUROPEAN DIPLOMATS IS THAT KISSINGER LETTERS WERE MEANT
TO ASSESS THE SOLIDITY OF EUROPEAN POSITION--THAT IS,
TO SEE WHETHER THERE WERE DIVERGENCES THAT MIGHT BE
WIDENED WITHOUT CAUSING ANOTHER OPEN EUROPEAN-AMERICAN
DISPUTE. LEWIS QUOTES A HIGH-RANKING EUROPEAN AS SAYING:
KISSINGER WANTED TO KNOW HOW MUCH TROUBLE HE WOULD HAVE
WITH THE EUROPEANS IF HE COMES OUT FORMALLY FOR THE
SUMMIT; WE ARE TRYING TO EXPLAIN TO HIM THAT THERE WILL
CERTAINLY BE TROUBLE. ACCORDING TO SOME OFFICIALS, SAYS
LEWIS, CALLAGHAN'S REPLY SEEMED TO GIVE LUKEWARM SUPPORT
TO THE AMERICAN VIEW BUT OTHER DIPLOMATS SAID THE REPLY
WAS PHRASED IN WARM LANGUAGE BUT THERE WAS NO CHANGE IN
BRITAIN'S RESISTANCE TO THE IDEA.

3. TROOPS. WASHPOST WORLD ROUNDUP ITEM FROM VIENNA
REPORTS A WARSAW PACT DELEGATE SINGLED OUT YESTERDAY AS
PIVOTAL THE ISSUE OF WHICH NATIONS SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN
THE INITIAL ROUND OF TROOP CUTS IN CENTRAL EUROPE.
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ALTHOUGH STRULAK REASSERTED WARSAW POSITION THAT
TROOPS OF ALL ELEVEN BE REDUCED IN INITIAL PHASE, SAYS
STORY, THIS WAS FIRST TIME COMMUNIST SIDE DESIGNATED
ONE COMPONENT OF ITS PACKAGE AS THE KEY ISSUE. STORY
ADDS NATO REPRESENTATIVES REACTED CAUTIOUSLY BUT A
WESTERN SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE POLISH STATEMENT
ADDRESSED A MAJOR COMPONENT OF OUR PROPOSAL AND ADDED
IT WAS A WELCOME SIGN THAT SOVIET BLOC IS WILLING TO

TALK ABOUT IT. STORY SAYS A POLISH SPOKESMAN RELAYED A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF STRULAK'S REMARKS TO NEWSMEN AND SAID THE REMARKS REFLECTED THE VIEWS OF OTHER WARSAW PACT PARTICIPANTS.

4. SALT. WASHPOST AP ON SALT TREATY SAME AS YESTERDAY'S BUT ADDS THAT WITHOUT SALT ONE U.S. WOULD HAVE GONE ON WITH A PROGRAM TO BUILD FOUR ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE SITES AT A COST OF WELL OVER 6.5 BILLION.

4A. NYTIMES HAS LETTER FROM DAVID JOHNSON, DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH CENTER FOR DEFENSE INFORMATION, DATED MAY 5, SAYING THAT TO HELP BRING ABOUT A BREAKTHROUGH IN THE NOW STALLED SALT TALKS IT IS TIME FOR U.S. TO EXERCISE RESTRAINT AND CALL A HALT TO ITS RAPIDLY ESCALATING MIRV DEPLOYMENTS, ADDING THAT U.S. STRATEGIC MOMENTUM FAR OUTSTRIPS THAT OF SOVIET UNION, CITING AMERICAN INCREASE

SINCE 1970 OF ABOUT 4850 NEW STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS WHILE RUSSIANS ADDED ABOUT 570 DURING SAME PERIOD. WE CAN SAVE HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS ON FUTURE MIRV DEPLOYMENTS, WRITES JOHNSON, AND ALSO DEMONSTRATE TO RUSSIANS OUR READINESS TO OBSERVE SAME KIND OF RESTRAINT TODAY WE WISH THEM TO OBSERVE IN FUTURE.

5. BLASTS. WASHPOST HAS UPPSALA AP REPORTING UNIVERSITY'S SEISMOLOGICAL INSTITUTE REGISTERED A RELATIVELY VIOLENT EARTHQUAKE IN SEA OF OKHOTSK, PROF. BAATH SAYING QUAKE MEASURED 6.6 ON RICHTER SCALE, ABOUT THE SAME AS FOR THE QUAKE THAT CAUSED CONSIDERABLE DESTRUCTION IN SOUTH CHINA LAST WEEK.

5A. BALTSUN HAS UPPSALA REUTER SAYING SEISMOLOGICAL UNCLASSIFIED

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INSTITUTE REGISTERED AN UNDERGROUND EXPLOSION FROM THE REGION OF THE SOVIET NUCLEAR TESTING AREA IN SIBERIA, THE BLAST REGISTERING 5.6 ON RICHTER SCALE.

5B. WASHPOST SQUIB REPORTS AEC SAID IT HAS RECEIVED SEISMIC SIGNALS INDICATING SOVIET UNION HAS DETONATED ITS SECOND UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR DEVICE OF THE YEAR. RUSH

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